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SUBJECT: BAKER- NUNN STATION

REF: A. CANBERRA 5762, 24 OCT 1972

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1. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE ELECTION,
DEPARTMENT AND DOD HAVE DELAYED RAISING MATTER OF BAKER-
NUNN STATION WITH GOA IN ORDER TO AVOID PREJUDICING
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF OMEGA PROJECT AND IN HOPE
THAT PROSPECTS FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF BAKER- NUNN AGREEMENT
BY GOA WOULD IMPROVE. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO PRESSURE GOA
FOR CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT IF LIKELY RESPONSE IS TO BE
NEGATIVE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS
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AND LACK OF FINAL AGREEMENT HAVE CAUSED FUNDING PROBLEMS FOR USAF WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE UNTIL AGREEMENT IS CONCLUDED. DEPARTMENT WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS AND TIMING FOR CONCLUSION OF BAKER- NUNN AGREEMENT. IF GOA HAS EXPRESSED ANY CONCEPTS FOR JOINT USE, JOINT MANNING, USE OF DATA, SITE INSPECTION OR OTHER NEGOTIABLE POINTS THAT WOULD MAKE THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PROJECT MORE LIKELY, PLEASE ADVISE. IN THE MEANTIME, AS REQUESTED IN PARA 2 OF REF B, EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW TEXT OF DRAFT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY AGREED MINUTES, IN THE FORM APPROVED WITHIN GOA AS INDICATED IN PARA 1 OF REF A (ASSUMING THAT DRAF IS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY WITHOUT CONTACTING GOA).

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 3 OF REF A REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATION TO USA:

A. THE TELETYPE CIRCUIT TO THE BAKER- NUNN FACILITY WILL BE OPERATIONAL 24 HOURS PER DAY, SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK. PEAK MESSAGE TRAFFIC WILL OCCUR BETWEEN SIX A. M. AND SIX P. M. LOCAL AUSTRALIA TIME.

B. TELETYPE COMMUNICATIONS ARE REQUIRED FROM THE BAKER- NUNN FACILITY TO THE BLACK PATCH LOCATED IN THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS OF THE JOINT DEFENSE SPACE COMMUNICATIONS STATION, WOOMERA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA. THE PREFERRED ROUTE IS FROM BICKLEY TO THE WOOMERA TELEPHONE EXCHANGE VIA PERTH.

C. THE BAKER- NUNN FACILITY WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPACE DEFENSE CENTER AT THE NORAD CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, VIA SECURE FULL DUPLEX, FULL PERIOD RECORD COMMUNICATIONS. FOR ECONOMIC AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, A 75- BAUD TELETYPE CIRCUIT FROM BICKLEY COMM STATION IS SUFFICIENT. BAKER- NUNN DATA FROM THE 75- BAUD TELETYPE CIRCUIT WILL BE RELAYED OVER AUTODIN, VIA TORN- TAPE OPERATION, TO THE SPACE DEFENSE CENTER IN COLORADO.

D. AUTOVON WILL NOT BE REQUIRED AND THE RADIO
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SPECTRUM WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR TRANSMISSION. HOST COUNTRY TELEPHONE SERVICE WILL BE USED. ROGERSM

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